

## ITALIANS PLAYING BIG PART IN EVENTS ON WAR FRONTS

Million in Bonds Given for Aviators. Medal to Lieutenant Who Accounted for Destruction of Long-Range Gun.

Interesting sidelights are thrown upon the progress of events on the Italian front, likely to be overshadowed in the more spectacular and important moves in Picardy and Flanders, in statements given out by the Italian bureau of public information. A most interesting correspondence published in the French newspaper L'Echo de Paris, says one of the reports: "The first phrase with which the correspondent opens his narrative is: 'One more, thanks to the Italians, Rheims is saved.'"

This news is of great importance, as it is the first time that all the nationalities in the world have had troops engaged in action at one time. In other words, it is the best proof that Italian, French and Portuguese troops on the part of the Latin and English and American on the part of the Anglo-Saxons have shown that unity of command and actions are not utopian, but an actual fact and a successful one.

**War Bonds for Aviators.**  
Following from the same source are comments upon aviation affairs. Lega Aerea Nazionale announces that one million in Italian war bonds has been contributed by the Italian aviators. This fund is for the purchase of special prizes for Italian aviators. This fund is for the purchase of special prizes for Italian aviators.

**D.C. MEN AT HUMPHREYS 'CATCH ON' TO WAR GAME**  
Learn to Dodge Rocks While Observing What Happens in "Enemy" Trench.

**CAMP HUMPHREYS, Va., August 31.**—Dedding rocks hauled to them by their instructors and at the same time making accurate observation of what is happening in an "enemy" trench 100 feet away, all in ten seconds time, engineer soldiers from the District of Columbia are rapidly becoming experts in quickness and accuracy of observation while "under fire."

This is only one of the many war games which Capt. E. B. Stephenson, formerly assistant professor at the University of North Dakota, who has been doing some development work on apparatus for this purpose and the American Army is now using that apparatus.

**Test at Isolated Station.**  
After some preliminary training in the theory of sound-ranging, the men are taken to an isolated station below the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, several miles down the Potomac from Camp Humphreys. Here they are told of the guns all day and frequently at night.

Another interesting feature of the school's work is the training that is given the men in flash-ranging. This is the visual observation of the flashes of the guns and the flashes of the shells as they are fired. The men are trained to observe the flashes of the guns and the flashes of the shells as they are fired.

**Conductive to Rapid Movement.**  
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**Locating Guns by Sound.**  
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## U.S. GIVES POWER TO BRING VICTORY

So Declares M. Tardieu, French Commissioner, in Reviewing Americans' Feats.

**BY LEOPOLD BLOND.**  
Cablegram to The Sunday Star and Chicago Daily News, Copyright 1918, PARIS, August 31.—Andre Tardieu, the French high commissioner, has given me eloquent figures regarding America's accomplishments in France, with especial regard to the landing, feeding, lodging, equipping and carrying of the new army. Naturally, there was no material available in France for such considerable operations. Such material and buildings as existed were needed by the French and other allied armies.

The American Army, therefore, had to face the problem of doing almost everything for itself. The execution of the plans formulated is being carried forward with a rapidity and skill which arouse universal admiration, and these plans are being constantly enlarged.

**Hospitals Also Necessary.**  
Hospitals also had to be built. Tardieu says that the American Army has built 15,000 beds in the last few months. The American Army has built 15,000 beds in the last few months.

**Encounter Many Difficulties.**  
Many difficulties beset this railway work. For example, wood was needed, but in view of the large quantities used by the French army, the Americans had to find their own way of procuring wood.

**OFFER CONFEDERATE NOTES.**  
Virginia Officials Receive Requests to Redeem Them.

**RICHMOND, Va., August 31.**—That some one is offering Confederate treasury notes in both Canada and Germany is the opinion of state officials who have received letters recently. Today Miss Esther V. Wilder of Dwight, Ontario, wrote demanding payment on Confederate certificates amounting to \$123. The letter accompanying the notes said: "I am sending you this set of notes, and you must pay them on demand, because these are your own losses and they must be paid."

**PATRIOTISM ENDS STRIKE.**  
Plumbers and Steamfitters Take Less Than Union Wages.

**NEWPORT NEWS, Va., August 31.**—The strike of approximately two thousand plumbers and steamfitters employed at the various military camps and other government contracts in this section, which has been in effect two weeks, was declared off today. The men will return to work Sunday. It is stated the men decided to forfeit the charter of their union here and to allow each of its members to return to work as a patriotic duty.

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## DEEDS OF GEN. LAFAYETTE TO BE HONORED IN CAPITAL

Birthday of French Hero to Be Celebrated at Exercises at Monument, With President Probably in Attendance.

To honor the memory and deeds of Gen. Lafayette, one of the heroes of the American Revolution, by whose efforts France's sympathy for the cause of freedom was given effect, the Sons of the American Revolution, and also to commemorate the victory of the Marne, when again the threatened cause of freedom of France was saved, September 6 will be observed in Washington with fitting celebrations.

On that day 161 years ago Gen. Lafayette was born and on that day, four years ago, Gen. Joffre stopped the hordes of Germans at the front. President Wilson is expected to attend the most important exercises at the Lafayette Monument, at 3 o'clock on the day included, besides Brig. Gen. George Richards, president of the Sons of the American Revolution, and John B. Torbert of the geological survey is secretary.

**Planners of Exercises.**  
The general committee planning the exercises of the day includes, besides Brig. Gen. Richards, who is chairman, and Dr. Torbert, the secretary, the following members of the three societies: Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia, Marcus A. Benjamin, Reeves T. Strickland and Ben D. Miller; Sons of the American Revolution, William S. Parks, Rear Admiral T. F. Jewell and Frederick D. Owen; Daughters of the American Revolution, Miss Hilja Fletcher, Miss Lillian Chenoweth, Mrs. Sylvanus Johnson and Miss Bertha F. Wolfe.

**Co-Operate With New Yorkers.**  
Public relations are being arranged in co-operation with the Lafayette national day committee of New York. Societies to participate with the joint committee on arrangements include the Order of Lafayette, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution of Georgia, Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, Order of the White Crane, Order of Washington, Daughters of Veterans, Army and Navy Union, Military Order of Loyal Legion, Aztec Club, Order of Cincinnati and others.

**GREEKS TO ESTABLISH BISHOPS IN AMERICA**  
President of Holy Synod of Greece Tells of Oppression of Christians in East.

Plans for the establishment in the United States of an archbishop and bishops of the Greek Church were announced yesterday here by Archbishop Melitios of Athens, president of the holy synod of Greece, who has just arrived in Washington.

The Archbishop said there are 400,000 Greeks in America and 150 Greek orthodox churches. His intention is to create a central body to have spiritual jurisdiction over these churches as well as those in South America. Expressing a desire to come into contact with all American ecclesiastical and religious organizations, M. Melitios says he is convinced that Christianity in the east can be greatly aided if some of the teachings of the Christian organizations of the United States are applied to the daily life of the east.

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## AMERICANS SWIFTLY RECOVER FROM WOUNDS

Many of Those Injured in Battle Are Given Clerical Positions.

**BY THOMAS M. JOHNSON.**  
Cablegram to The Sunday Star and New York Sun, Copyright 1918. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, August 23.—Those in the United States who have relatives and friends reported on the recent casualty lists as slightly wounded in the heavy fighting that began on the Marne in July, and which has been continuing with but few lulls ever since, will be comforted to know that the men have been given every chance for convalescence.

After being first given treatment at the evacuation hospitals near the front they are sent to the base hospitals by special trains, and thence, when strong enough, they are given employment as many of the clerical jobs in the Army. This involves a weeding-out process on a small scale and marks the beginning for the American Army of the regime followed in the British and French armies that men who have been wounded replace the able-bodied men. Consequently the number of men doing clerical work who wear the gold chevron mounted on their right sleeves increases, while the men who are very slightly wounded are returned to their regiments quickly.

Medical reserve officers of much experience in civil practice say that the recuperative powers of the American soldiers are remarkable, and that the injuries which would incapacitate a civilian for a month keep the soldier in the hospital only a week. The number of men doing clerical work is very small, showing that the Americans have strong nerves. This is due to the hard training through which each man goes and also to their excellent moral record.

The Army wounded don't remain in the hospitals long also because of the wounds have been caused by machine gun bullets, which make a clean wound that heals readily. For that reason also comparatively few are maimed for life.

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## TO ATTEND WAR EXHIBITION.

Party, Including Staff Members British Embassy, Leave for Chicago

Headed by Commodore Guy Gaunt, naval liaison officer, and Maj. Gen. J. D. McLachlan, military attaché, a number of members of the staff of the British embassy will leave Washington tomorrow night for Chicago to attend a war exhibition to be held in that city this week under the auspices of the committee on public information.

**War Department Takes Stand Against Forcing Up Wage Scale.**  
In denying yesterday an application for further wage increases for hodcarriers working on the new \$25,000,000 terminal at South Boston, Mass., the War Department took an emphatic stand against permitting its policy of paying "prevailing local scales" to be used in forcing up wage scales.

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